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1. A KBW Regiment consisting of about 2,000 men is stationed in barracks on Raciborska Street in Katowice. The same barracks house an NO school. Soldiers from the school guard the prison on Mikulowska Street. The KBW unit was observed drilling on a field behind the barracks armed with machine and anti-tank guns. The machine guns were Russian series 45 mm and light Degtyarev-type with round cartridge holders. Four anti-tank weapons were seen during the exercises. The KBW troops wear green uniforms; their caps are also green, with a dark blue hatband. A dark blue five-edged insignia is affixed to the uniform collar.
2. The unit is the only one in Katowice. Its headquarters are in the barracks; food and equipment stores are also in the barracks. A rail track leads to the area. Motor vehicles are also stationed at the caserne.
3. The Russian war command (sic) is located at Ulica Armji Czerwonej, formerly Ulica Chornowska. About 20 officers were noticed in addition to the enlisted men. The Soviets perform duties in the town jointly with the members of the KBW unit.
4. The Voivodship Office of Public Security is located at Ulica Francuska. Adjacent to it is the Central Management of the Steel Mill Industry. The County Office of Public Security is in Swietochowice on the road between Katowice and that town.
5. The Baildon steel mill is in Katowice-Dab. The mill produces such precision parts as threaders, shavers and lathe parts. About 3,000 workers are employed at the plant.
6. The Ferrum steel plant is in Katowice-Zawodzie at the Katowice-Bogucice railroad station. It makes larger molds (sic) of various types. Wheels for railroad cars and certain types of pulleys are also included in the factory's production. About 4,000 persons are employed.

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1. Comment: The 6th KBW (Corps of Internal Security) Regiment was reported stationed at Katowice.

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